



STATE OF MARYLAND

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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Board Of Physical Therapy Examiners

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 17, 2009

The November 17, 2009 meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m.
by the Chairperson, Margery Rodgers, PT.

Board members present:

John Baker, PT
Ved K. Gupta, Consumer Member
Shirley Leeper, PTA, Vice Chairperson
Lori Mizell, PT
Donald Novak, PT
Lois Rosedom-Boyd, Consumer Member
Stephen Ryan, PT

Also present:

Ann E. Tyminski, Executive Director
Joy E. Aaron, Deputy Director
Patricia Miller, Licensing Coordinator
Sandra Kurland, Board Secretary
Deborah Jackson, Secretary
Ernest Bures, Investigator/Compliance Officer
Linda Bethman, AAG, Board Counsel
Francesca Gibbs, Staff Attorney
Paula Hollinger
Sharon Bloom
Jerry Zazzera
Geoffrey Abraskin
Carroll Community PTA Students

Margery Rodgers, PT, Board Chair, welcomed PTA students from Carroll Community College.

Jerry Zazzera gave an interesting presentation on the Barbara Brennan School of Healing, which teaches hands on healing.

The agenda was approved with one addition.

The minutes of the Open Session for October 20, 2009 were approved as amended.

Mrs. Tyminski received an e-mail from Sheila Schaffer. Ms. Schaffer asks if the definition of "direct supervision" means in the room or on the same floor. She also asks if "on the same campus" is acceptable. The Board said that Maryland law states "Direct supervision means that a licensed physical therapist is personally present and immediately available within the treatment area to give aid, direction, and instruction when physical therapy procedures or activities are performed." Medicaid states that the PT must in the room with the PTA, however, this is a condition of participation with a payer.

The Board decided to remove language in its proposed legislation relating to testing by PTAs.

Mrs. Tyminski presented the report on a conference call with APTA members and their lobbyists held on October 28, 2009 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The conference call was in reference to Animal Rehabilitation.

In an e-mail to Mrs. Tyminski, Karin Savage asked if there is a maximum number of patients that constitutes a "group", and does this depend on the group activity. The Board stated that there is no number that constitutes a "group", and it does not matter what the activity is. The PT needs to use professional judgment, and must give adequate treatment time to each patient.

Mrs. Tyminski received an e-mail from Susan Cecere, PT, asking for clarification of the term "consult" and how it relates to the PTA scope of practice. The Board felt that her question was not clear. Margery Rodgers will answer.

Katie Hoponick, PTA, asks if a PTA may perform tests and measures to gather objective data for the PT. The Board stated that a PTA may perform certain tests and measures, if the PTA is competent.

Geoffrey Abraskin, PT was present to ask whether the PTA must have a written evaluation and plan of care before commencing treatment. The Board emphasized the importance of written documentation.

Joy Aaron reported that the section of the application concerning race, ethnicity and gender questions has been adjusted. This section will now be on the first page of the application.

Ann Tyminski gave a report on the Board's funds through 2013. She asked the Board to consider raising renewal fees for FY 2012.

Mrs. Tyminski requested articles for the winter newsletter.

Reports

Income summaries were distributed.

John Baker, PT, gave Board members a report on the CAC 2009 Annual Meeting, held on October 28-30th, 2009. The Board members will review the report and have a discussion at the December 2009 Board Meeting.

Shirley Leeper, PTA, Board Vice-Chair, reported on the Ad Hoc Committee for PTA testing.

Information

Paula Hollinger conveyed the Secretary's appreciation for the budget reductions that were made.

A schedule for the 2010 Board Meeting dates was distributed to the Board. The 2010 meetings will be held in Room #110.

Tyme Gigliotti, Chair for the Maryland State Board of Acupuncture sent a thank you note to the Board for the invitation to the September Board Meeting.

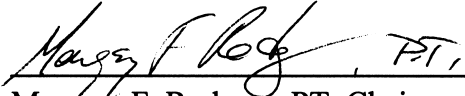
Penny Heisler, Executive Director of the Maryland Acupuncture Board, sent a thank you note to the Board for the invitation to the September Board Meeting.

The Board unanimously voted to close the open session at 3:35 p.m. for the purpose of engaging in medical review committee deliberations of physical therapist applications in accordance with State Government Article S10-50 8(a) (13).

Respectfully submitted,

12/15/09
Date approved


Ann Tyminski, Executive Director


Margery F. Rodgers, PT, Chairperson